

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

By Carr

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Scott Norman on his outstanding baseball career.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those athletes and coaches who, through their unwavering determination and ability, have distinguished themselves as true sportsmen of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic individual is Scott Norman, who has demonstrated an exceptional level of talent and leadership throughout his estimable career on the baseball field; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from South-Young High School in 1980, Mr. Norman furthered his education at Walters State Community College, where he played on the school's baseball team from 1981 through 1982; and

WHEREAS, Scott Norman took his talent and skills to the professional level when he was drafted in the sixth round by the San Francisco Giants baseball team in 1982. He played for a combined six years with the Giants and later the St. Louis Cardinals, making it to the AAA level; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the baseball diamond as a player, Mr. Norman began a twenty-five-year career coaching baseball at the high school and collegiate levels, including three years as an assistant baseball coach at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, an impresario on the baseball diamond, Mr. Norman coached at Seymour High School for twenty-one years, sixteen of which were served as head coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Norman's tenure was nothing but impressive, posting a seventy percent winning percentage that included 355 wins to 152 losses; and

WHEREAS, his team's victories include eleven district championships and four state tournament appearances, three of which were made while he served as head coach; and

WHEREAS, during the final twelve years of Coach Norman's career, more than half of the members of his graduating classes went on to play baseball at the collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, three of his former players have gone on to play at the professional level, including Logan Sawyer for the Colorado Rockies organization, Kyle Koeneman for the Arizona Diamondbacks organization, and Brandon Ketron for the New York Yankees organization; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades himself, Scott Norman was inducted into the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to applaud Scott Norman for his many efforts and achievements, both on and off the baseball field, which serve as a stellar example of what the athletes and coaches of Tennessee can achieve; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Scott Norman on his outstanding baseball career, recognize his determination and innate talents, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.